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ORR Project No. 35.1709, Estimates of Costs in Rubles to Build  
Various Types of Merchant Ships in the USSR.

1. It is recommended that the attached paper be published  
as an Intelligence Memorandum.

2. It presents some basic cost factors used by Soviet  
planners for estimating costs of a wide variety of non-naval  
ships. These estimates of cost appear to apply to the Fifth  
Five Year Plan period and may prove quite useful in estimating  
Soviet costs of building naval as well as non-naval ships.

3. The paper also presents the implied ruble-dollar ratio  
for average size tankers. Comparisons for other types of ships  
were not possible because the U.S. has not produced ships in  
these other categories in recent years.

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